



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

648 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012-2713

TELEPHONE
(213) 974-1861
FACSIMILE
(213) 229-9924
TDD
(213) 633-0901

RICHARD D. WEISS
Acting County Counsel

August 27, 2014

TO: SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
Senior Assistant County Counsel

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Adam Charles Rodgers v. Los Angeles Sheriff's
Department, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 416 870

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

PAW:cs

Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Adam Charles Rodgers v. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 416 870, in the amount of \$125,000 and instruct the Acting Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit alleges negligence by Sheriff's Deputies when they failed to find a gun on an arrestee.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Adam Charles Rodgers v. LASD, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC 416870
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 30, 2009
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 125,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Michael Louis Kelly Daniel Quisenberry Amir Benakote KIRTLAND and PACKARD
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Adam Charles Rodgers sued two Sheriffs Deputies for negligence after Sheriff's Deputies failed to find that his cellmate was in possession of a gun.</p> <p>Mr. Rodgers contends that he suffered from emotional distress when his cellmate fired the gun in his cell.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Deputies dispute the nature and extent of Mr. Rodgers damages as he did not suffer a gunshot wound during the incident.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable</p>

settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$125,000 is recommended.

PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$	328,732
-----------------------------	----	---------

PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$	34,286
---------------------	----	--------